

REMARKS

The present application includes claims 1-13. Claims 1-13 were rejected. By this Amendment, independent claims 1 and 8 and dependent claim 3 have been amended.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Edwards, U.S. Patent No. 6,059,418.

Claims 2, 4 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Edwards, U.S. Patent No. 6,059,418, in view of Warming, WO93/2345.

Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Edwards, U.S. Patent No. 6,059,418.

Claims 5 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Edwards, U.S. Patent No. 6,059,418, in view of Lampartar, U.S. Patent No. 6,009,650.

Claims 8, 9 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Edwards, U.S. Patent No. 6,059,418, in view of Brierly, GB 2085332.

Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Edwards, U.S. Patent No. 6,059,418, in view of Brierly, GB 2085332.

Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Edwards, U.S. Patent No. 6,059,418, in view of Brierly, GB 2085332, and further in view of Lampartar, U.S. Patent No. 6,009,650.

Claim 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Edwards, U.S. Patent No. 6,059,418, in view of Brierly, GB 2085332, and further in view of Warming, WO93/2345.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Edwards, U.S. Patent No. 6,059,418. Edwards teaches “A system of mirrors for a vehicle which augments an operators vision to allow a clear vision path past a forward obstacle.” (Abstract; see also col. 2, ll. 27-30; col. 3, ll. 16-21, 25-28, 48-52; col. 4, ll. 13-16.) Thus, Edwards teaches a system of mirrors that improves vision in front of the vehicle. However, Edwards does not teach a “second mirror providing a view of the right side of the vehicle and being viewable by the driver through said first mirror,” which is recited in amended claim 1.

The Office Action also noted that “Wade, WO90/12705, teaches a dual mirror system that allows a viewer to view the right side of the vehicle.” Wade teaches a system of mirrors mounted on a vehicle such that “the driver, when looking into the first mirror, can see, via the second mirror, a view immediately behind the vehicle which is otherwise obstructed by the vehicle itself.” (Abstract; see also p. 1, ll. 1-13, 19-24.) Further, Wade states:

As is clear from figure 1, there are provided a pair of front mirrors 13, 14 mounted on a single bracket 16. The optical system of the invention may simply utilize a conventional mirror, like the lower mirror 14 or a slightly concave, magnifying mirror like the upper mirror 13. Whichever is used, the front, mirror forms a first mirror of the system of the invention. Figure 7 [apparently Figure 8] shows the view through the two mirrors; thus the

view through the mirror 14 is a conventional rear view and the view through the mirror 13 is apparently enlarged.

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It will be understood that because of the curved convex surfaces of the mirror 17, the driver sitting in the cab looking into the mirror 13 will see a view of the mirror 17, and in that mirror 17 he will see a view around the rear of the vehicle. Figure 5 shows an idea of the type of view shown through the mirror 17.

(Page 3, ll. 10-19; page 5, ll. 3-8 ; see also Figures 1, 3, 5 and 8.) Thus, Wade teaches two front mirrors: one (13) that works with a second rear-mounted mirror (17) to provide an enlarged “view around the rear of the vehicle;” and one (14) that shows “a conventional rear view” without enlargement. However, Wade does teach a “second mirror providing a view of the right side of the vehicle and being viewable by the driver through said first mirror,” which is recited in amended claim 1.

By this amendment, independent claim 1 is amended to recite:

a second mirror mounted toward the rear of the vehicle and facing in a forward direction, said second mirror providing a view of the right side of the vehicle and being viewable by the driver through said first mirror.

However, none of the cited references, either alone or in combination, teaches a “second mirror providing a view of the right side of the vehicle and being viewable by the driver through said first mirror.”

Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 1, as amended herein, is not anticipated by any reference and is not rendered obvious by any reference or combination of references. Likewise, applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-7,

which depend from claim 1, are not anticipated by any reference and are not rendered obvious by any reference or combination of references.

Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Edwards, U.S. Patent No. 6,059,418, in view of Brierly, GB 2085332. As noted above, Edwards (and/or Wade) does not teach a “second mirror providing a view of the right side of the vehicle and being viewable by the driver through said first mirror.” Likewise, neither reference teaches a rear mirror “selectively deployed to an outward position by the operator to reflect forward and provide a view of the side of the bus,” which is recited in amended claim 8.

Further, similar to Wade, Brierly teaches, “A rear view mirror, for road vehicles positioned at the rear corner of the vehicle so as to enable the driver to see the rear of the vehicle and the area immediately behind it when reversing....” However, Brierly does not teach a rear mirror “selectively deployed to an outward position by the operator to reflect forward and provide a view of the side of the bus,” which is recited in amended claim 8.

By this amendment, independent claim 8 is amended to recite:

A mirror for mounting on the rear side of a bus, said mirror being relatively larger than any front mounted mirrors and capable of being selectively deployed to an outward position by the operator to reflect forward and provide a view of the side of the bus.

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However, none of the cited references, either alone or in combination, teaches a rear mirror “selectively deployed to an outward position by the operator to reflect forward and provide a view of the side of the bus.”

Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 8, as amended herein, is not anticipated by any reference and is not rendered obvious by any reference or combination of references. Likewise, applicant respectfully submits that claims 9-13, which depend from claim 8, are not anticipated by any reference and are not rendered obvious by any reference or combination of references.

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CONCLUSION

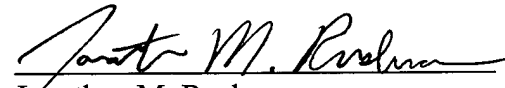
Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-13 are in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner has any questions or the Applicant can be of any assistance, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the Applicant at the number below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

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